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RE: Docket Numbers 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing in regard to the practice of forced molting of hens. Besides the cruelty to the animals involved (starving the hens for up to 14 days) it is also a health hazard for humans. Forced molting is a primary cause of infectious diseases in humans, hens and eggs. The forced molting promotes diseases in humans because the practice destroys the starving hens' immune systems. If the FDA has the jurisdiction to ban practices that cause human health hazards, such as forced molting, I hope it will use that authority to go ahead and ban these unhealthy and inhumane practices.

A petition to ban forced molting was received by the FDA in April 1998. I respectfully urge you to grant that petition as soon as possible.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,



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